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Column One By DAVID COURTNEY

OPINIONS differ; therefore we have political parties, more than one and sometimes more than necessary. Where opinions do not differ, there is only one party; but who wants to live where opinions do not differ or, when they do, get the opinionated ones clapped into jail. The great thing about a democracy is that everyone marches in step, tramp, tramp, tramp and only heaven and Mr. Khrushchev know where to.

If he cannot go by bus that is because the busmen, exercising their Democratic right, have decided to go backwards or at any rate to make a long halt while they write advertisements in the papers saying how misunderstood they are. Those advertisements are as characteristic of Israel as a warning by Mr. David Horowitz or a statement, issued more in sorrow than in anger, by the Foreign Ministry spokesman.

THAT, as I should have said before, is not my business. What I am really trying to tell about it is the Mafai Convention in Tel Aviv because that, like the Democratic Convention in Chicago and the Republican Convention in San Francisco and like the British Labour Party Convention due to be held in Margate next month, is the kind of thing that makes Democracy what it is: a cheerful confusion, a brew of doctrinaire bones and intentions, spiced with sectarian herbs and made edible by a few good cooks, who are able to rise above party appetites to the national taste.

MAPAI, of course, like the advertisements of the busmen, is characterized not only of Democracy but also of Israel. I cannot imagine Israel without Mapai or even a Government of Israel without Mapai. It seems always to have been here; in the Government, in the Municipalities, in the district councils, in the city and town schools; even in the buses. And there are times, after reading a speech by Mr. Ben-Gurion, when I am not quite sure that Mapai was not on hand at Sinai on that awful occasion.

At any rate, if not historically ubiquitous, Mr. Ben-Gurion's party is nationally ubiquitous, and not with the ubiquity of a partisan busy-body but with that of a force behind the whole developing growth of the country. There are other forces. I am not pretending to favour one party over another. It is simply the holding of the Mafai convention and the speech made by the Prime Minister on the opening night, which caused me to ponder the implications and significance of Mapai, whose name is dinned into one's ears now as a signal of alarm and even by the blue-bloomers of a high school girl as she swings her satchel with an air of challenge.

ANYWAY, there it is, the A convention at Tel Aviv, 1,200 men and women, working out what to do next and trying, so to speak, to decide between votes and viability: between the nation and the electorate; for both are not the same thing; between the standards of living and the standards of good government. Oddly enough, the Labour Party in England is in something of the same fix. Last Winter the General Council of the T.U.C. sent a memorandum to all affiliated unions which said that "unless rises in incomes are kept broadly in line with increases in output, and, consequently, prices cannot go on rising indefinitely without seriously affecting our ability to export... and, moreover, the rest of the world does not owe British workpeople a living." It is very like what Mr. Ben-Gurion said the other night about Israel.

OF course, the T.U.C. and the Labour Party have left it at that and there is always the chance that Mapai, too, will be persuaded to leave it at that; to do so presumably is as much a democratic right as any other.

Jerusalem, August 28.

Bus Strike to End at Start Of School Year—Carmel

Pupils' Safety to be Assured

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The bus strike will end by Sunday, the first day of school. This promise was made to the parents of Israel's schoolchildren by the Minister of Transport, Mr. Moshe Carmel, in a broadcast last night over Kol Yisrael.

"We cannot allow our children to go to school in the emergency transport facilities now in use. I can assure the parents of school children in every town in Israel that the Ministry of Transport will not hesitate to employ every means at its command to enable their children to go to school in safety and sufficient comfort," the Minister said.

If the Ministry has hitherto refrained from drastic measures to bring the strike to an end and put the buses back on the roads, it was only in the hope that some agreed solution might be found that would bring the members of the co-operatives to work at the earliest possible time, Mr. Carmel went on.

However, the present emergency situation could not continue much longer—if the co-operatives continued to attempt to impose their will on the Government, the Government would be obliged to find some permanent solution to the problem of road passenger transport, the Minister added.

We are not demanding unconditional surrender from the co-operatives even now, the Minister said. We have insisted, and will continue to insist, however, that they accept Government supervision—for the good of the carriers as well as the passengers.

Earlier, the Council voted to oust Rabbi M. Poreh (Agudat Yisrael) from his post as Deputy Mayor. Mr. M. Gewirtzman (Poel Hamizrahi), the other Deputy Mayor, had named in his resignation letter to Mayor G. Agron yesterday morning.

Dr. Jacoby was also empowered to assume charge of education and social welfare affairs and Mr. Kalanter of the sanitation affairs department. These changes in the Council's Executive took place following the defeat earlier this week of two motions of non-confidence in Mr. Agron, submitted by Herut and the religious bloc, and the subsequent announcement that a new coalition had been formed. Mr. Kalanter is the only member of the religious bloc to have rejoined the coalition.

Mr. Agron said, in a personal statement, that the religious bloc had "forced the struggle" that followed Council approval of a building permit for an archaeological school in which Reform services would be held. They had done this by withdrawing.

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7 Die, 8 Hurt in Road Accidents

Seven persons were killed and eight injured in road accidents in the last two days.

One soldier was killed and two others slightly injured at noon yesterday when an army vehicle overturned near Sde Boker, in the Negev. The two injured were brought to the Hadassah Hospital in Beer-sheva.

It is believed that the accident was the result of speeding.

Yesterday morning, the morning passenger train from Jerusalem ran over Moshe Anshel, a railway worker, while he was repairing the track in the vicinity of Har-tuv. Anshel was badly injured and died a few hours later in Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

In another accident, a ten-year-old girl was killed and her mother seriously injured about 10 a.m. when the tender he was driving left the road and rolled down an embankment four kilometres from the Capital on the main Tel Aviv highway. The girl, Hana Reis, was buried in the afternoon on Har Hamenuhot, while her mother, Yitshak Reis, is still unconscious at Hadassah Hospital.

Police could determine no cause for the accident, which occurred on an empty road.

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Sharav Wilts Strike Victims' Patience

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — As the novelty of braving discomforts in face of the bus strike, now a week old, was wearing off, and waiting in queues in a humid summer proved very uncomfortable, the patience of many people in bus-less Tel Aviv was today wearing thin.

Sympathy with the striking co-operatives was not increased, although many persons voiced criticism of the Transport Ministry's attitude.

Sharav to Continue

The oppressive heat which has gripped the country for the past three days will continue unabated, the Meteorological Service informed The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The heat will be especially felt in Jerusalem, which will be third hottest, with 27 degrees, as yesterday, after Tiberias, with 30, and Eilat, with 43.

of "seemingly doing nothing" to end the strike.

Whereas people in the first days of the strike did not complain of the inconveniences, which in some cases were more severe than now, many persons expressed dissatisfaction about travelling arrangements to Jerusalem Post reporters today. "Having to wait half an hour and then

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65 Algerians Bomb Ends 11-Day Truce in Cyprus

NICOSIA, Tuesday (Reuters). — A bomb today shattered the 11-day calm of the EOKA underground organization's truce which ended at midnight.

The bomb, exploding in the Larasaca home of a Greek Cypriot family, caused little damage and no injuries, but brought the first restriction since the beginning of the truce. Security forces banned the use of motorcycles and bicycles between 7 p.m. and 4 a.m. until further notice.

Earlier today British troops confined the Greek Mayor of Nicosia to his home. An official statement said troops had moved into the house of Mayor Dr. Themistocles Deris in the early hours and that he was being confined there while inquiries were made.

Last Thursday, Digenis the EOKA leader, said he would rescind it unless the "insulting" surrender call by Governor Sir John Harding was withdrawn by midnight last night.

Six Cypriot long term prisoners were flown to Britain today to serve the rest of their terms there, it was officially stated.

In Athens, Mr. George Papandreou, Greek liberal leader and former premier, today appealed for a united front in the face of British and Turkish machinations.

Beirut Denies Israel Diverting Jordan R.

The Lebanese Foreign Minister, Salim Lahoud, yesterday denied Arab press reports that Israel is planning to divert the Jordan River, the Arab News Agency reported.

He stated that the Lebanese Government had not received any such reports, as charged by the Arab News Agency and the Middle East News Agency, adding that the agencies should check their reports before publishing them.

To Argentine Citizens

The Argentine Government has decided to check the addresses of its citizens in order to bring its voters' list up-to-date.

The Consular Department of the Argentine Embassy in Israel therefore requests all Argentine citizens, whether permanent or temporary residents in Israel, who have not yet registered their present addresses, to appear at this office by September 15, 1958 (daily from 8 a.m.-12 noon, except Saturdays and Sundays), together with all their Argentine documents and a certificate confirming that he has not adopted Israeli citizenship, if he has one.

If an Argentine citizen, because of circumstances beyond his control, cannot appear as requested above, he should notify the consulate in writing at the following address: Argentine Consulate, 68 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel Aviv, stating the reasons for his inability to appear and his present address in Israel.

Because of the vital importance of the above registration for the relisting of voters, the Argentine Government has decided to apply sanctions against persons ignoring the above instructions, and citizens who by September 15, 1958 cannot justify his inability to comply with the above order, will lose the right to receive any assistance, personal or official, at the consulate.

The Argentine Consulate

Cairo Holds 2 'British Spies' London Denial

CAIRO, Tuesday. — Egyptian security police yesterday arrested seven persons, including two Britons, on charges of spying for Britain, and indicated that a public trial will be held soon. The two Britons are James Swinburn, 51, correspondent of the Arab News Agency, and Charles Pittuck, who worked for the Marconi Telegraph Co.

Britain immediately denied any knowledge of the alleged spy ring.

Mr. Abdul Kader Hattat, Director-General of the Information Office, hurriedly called a press conference last night and announced that Mr. Swinburn was held on a "dangerous" espionage ring which worked for the British intelligence.

The Arab News Agency is a British-owned news distribution agency, which, by simple mathematical calculations, seemed to cost far in excess of the 99 per cent rise which the Ministry of Transport had approved for the strike.

Complaints were rife as passengers paid for tickets which, by simple mathematical calculations, seemed to cost far in excess of the 99 per cent rise which the Ministry of Transport had approved for the strike.

On one line, No. 13, tickets after 8 p.m. cost a flat 120 pruta, as compared with the standard 80 or 105 pruta fare charged formerly, depending on the destination.

The standard price of 65 pruta during the day on most of the heavily travelled urban lines went up to 75 pruta, a rise of 15.4 per cent. The smallest increase was charged on the No. 6 line, to Talpout, a rise of 10.5 pruta (from town to the ma'bara) to 110 pruta. Daytime rates, however, went up from 65 pruta to 80, an increase of nearly 17 per cent.

The feeling that the fare increase was excessive was voiced at last night's Municipal Council meeting by Mr. A. Dror (Herut). Mayor Gershon Agron promised an investigation of the new fare scales.

The Egyptian announcement followed the arrest and expulsion of three Commonwealth newspaper correspondents from Egypt: Ann Sharpley of the London "Evening Standard," William Stevenson of the Toronto "Star," and Eileen Travis of the London "Daily Mail."

In Rome, Mr. Stevenson said in an interview that he and Miss Travis had been expelled because they had learned that a former top Nazi Propaganda Ministry official, Prof. Johann von Seydewitz, was master-minding Egypt's anti-Israel propaganda. The German, Mr. Stevenson added, had been a hunted man for 10 years and had graduated from Hitler to Peron and then to Abdul Nasser.

(Reuters, UPI)

China Tells U.S. Plane Downed

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuters). — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today that China has officially informed the U.S. through diplomatic channels that a Chinese aircraft shot down a plane of the Chinese mainland last Thursday.

He told his press conference that a message received today said that the Chinese plane had believed it had attacked a U.S. Navy patrol plane with 16 men aboard has been missing since Thursday after reporting it was under attack. Wreckage and the body of one crew member with bullet wounds have been found.

Mr. Dulles said that as far as he knew there were no survivors.

19 ISRAEL MYSTERIES BACK AFTER FIXING TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Eighteen Mystery jet aircraft which left for France recently for night adjustments have returned. They were flown by Israeli pilots.

Just Out THIS WEEK'S

Featuring the following articles:

- Rimmon photographs Cairo streets
- How plastic surgery in Israel gives a man back his looks.
- Aluf Carmel in the Transport Fight and FURTHER DETAILS ON THE HOLIDAY EXCURSION

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Menzies Committee Prepares To Fly to Cairo for Talks on Suez

Dulles Backs Israel on Suez

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — Secretary of State Dulles said at a press conference today that Egypt's blockade of Israel ships in the Suez Canal was discussed and condemned at the recent London conference.

He added that the blockade is in defiance of the U.N. Security Council resolution of 1957 and in opposition to the principle of the Constantinople Convention.

Mr. Dulles emphasized that Israel ships were entitled to use the Canal.

The Secretary told the press conference that Abdul Nasser's agreement to meet the five-nation committee on the Suez Canal crisis was a contribution towards solving the crisis.

Mr. Dulles also said the Soviet Union was conducting a very vicious propaganda campaign directed at the Egyptian people, and aimed at making it as difficult as possible for Egypt to accept the Western proposal for international control of the Suez Canal.

See Progress
He said the end of the crisis was not yet in sight, but there was steady progress and indications that both sides desired to reach a peaceful solution.

Mr. Dulles appealed for all parties to the dispute to divorce the vital technical problems of operating the Canal from their own political policies.

The Secretary of State was asked if he knew of any alleged plot by Britain and France to persuade their nationalities working as pilots to leave the Suez Canal. He replied that doubtlessly there was some talk among the pilots, but he did not know to what extent this was due to political influence. The very fact that Egypt suggested the existence of political influence indicates precisely the problem they were facing—that in an operation as sensitive as that of the Suez Canal there should not be a situation where pilots go to work on the basis of political influence.

Mr. Dulles said on one stage compared international control of the Suez Canal to the operation of the U.N. Headquarters in New York. The U.S. did not feel it to be a derogation of its sovereignty if the U.N. had the authority to appoint members of its staff. The U.S. did not use grandiose terms such as internationalization. It was concerned with the essential operating functions and how they were performed and it recognized the authority of the U.N. Secretary-General in this field.

Asked what role he thought the U.N. should play in the Suez crisis, Mr. Dulles recalled that in London he had suggested that whatever the Suez Agency—or board was set up, it should be connected with the world organization. The U.S. did not attempt at that time to go into the precise nature of the connection, he added.

The concept of linking the operation of the Canal with the U.N. was in the U.S. proposal, and he thought that would be acceptable to Indonesia, India and Ceylon.

(INA, Reuters)

Time-Limit for Suez Pilots

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuters). — The board of the Suez Canal Co. said today it could no longer be responsible for keeping its non-Egyptian staff working on the Suez Canal against their will being asked to agree to a period which would take into account the mission of the five-nation committee headed by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies.

The company said "appropriate instructions" would be given its staff in Egypt before the end of the month. The communiqué, however, did not give any details of what the agreed period was or what the instructions would be.

It added that almost all the non-Egyptian staff registered with foreign diplomatic representatives in Cairo on August 15 had asked for repatriation. Meanwhile, the Soviet government newspaper "Izvestia" said today that the company's statement on August 26—that it was no longer in a position to guarantee the safety of its personnel in Egypt—was an attempt by the Western powers to interrupt normal navigation through the Suez Canal.

Another Egyptian destroyer, El Kahar, left Portsmouth for Egypt last week.

The Truth About The Drivers' Salaries.

In order properly to evaluate the income of the members of the co-operatives you should compare them step by step to equivalent amounts in your salary. Do this and you will come to the conclusion that the income of the drivers in the co-operatives is not excessive. On the contrary, in view of the very hard work and heavy responsibility, the salary is too modest. In order to facilitate this evaluation we present the salary of a member of the co-operatives and the equivalent amounts of a driver for a Government enterprise who did not invest any money in his place of employment, as against a member of the co-operative who invested IL8,000-9,000.

Monthly Salary (gross)

Member of the co-operative
IL 100
Seniority
10
Family allowance
10
C-o-L allowance
128.300

Driver for a Government enterprise
IL 129
16
14.500
128.300

Total
IL254.300
IL287.800

Allowance for management duties
50.860
Total
IL305.160
IL287.800

No dividends are paid to members as the enterprise does not yield a profit.
Overtime (gross)

Member of the co-operative
IL 50
25 additional hours
20 hours on Saturdays
Total
IL106
IL136.750

Driver for a Government enterprise
IL 48.750
80
IL136.750

Many members of the co-operatives do not work overtime.

Social Benefits
Member of the co-operatives
29%
13 month Provident Fund
Culture, Clothing and holiday contribution
Total
30%

Driver for a Government enterprise
30%

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: No significant change for the week.

City	Temp	Wind	Clouds
Tel Aviv	24-28	10-15	10-15
Jerusalem	20-24	10-15	10-15
Haifa	20-24	10-15	10-15
Beersheva	20-24	10-15	10-15
Yotvata	20-24	10-15	10-15
Dimona	20-24	10-15	10-15
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ARRIVALS

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, arrived in Jerusalem for a week's visit as guest of the Government (both by El Al). Dr. Kurt Enderl, the Austrian Minister of Education, arrived in Jerusalem for a week's visit as guest of the Government (both by El Al). Dr. Kurt Enderl, the Austrian Minister of Education, arrived in Jerusalem for a week's visit as guest of the Government (both by El Al).

DEPARTURES

M. Pierre E. Gilbert, the French Ambassador, for home leave; Miss Martha Kitt, the American Ambassador, for Paris, after a number of appearances (both by Air France); Mr. Menahem Begin, M.K., the Herut leader, for France, on a lecture tour; the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, for Geneva, to attend the International Conference on the Middle East (both by Air France); Mr. Daniel Auster, President of the Israel Association of the U.N., for Geneva, to attend the International Conference on the Middle East (both by Air France); Mr. Daniel Auster, President of the Israel Association of the U.N., for Geneva, to attend the International Conference on the Middle East (both by Air France).

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AMERICAN 'Alert' To M.E. Dangers

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The American public has become alert to the dangers of the Middle East, but is not sufficiently alert to demand action, Mr. Drew Pearson, the American columnist now visiting Israel, said at a reception held for him by the Journalists Association at the Dan Hotel today. In his opinion, the American public would have backed British action in France in any drastic action taken immediately after the seizure of the Suez Canal.

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'Economic Dam Almost Broken,' Sapir Warns at Mapai Parley

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — "The dam is almost broken" and the country must be prepared for economic difficulties during the coming six months, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry, told the Mapai Conference today. After stressing a long list of achievements of the last few years, he painted a bleak picture of falling exports, fluctuating prices, and high production costs.

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Lower Interest Rate

The Minister of Finance has approved a reduction in interest payable on development loans to industrial enterprises in developing areas, the Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

CLAIM FILED AGAINST ROTAL CAFE

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The 30 neighbours of the Rotal Cafe of Rehov Dinsberg here today filed a claim against the cafe for keeping its doors open after 11.30 p.m. Last week, Chief Magistrate B. Glidit ordered the garden of the cafe to close at that hour, after the neighbours had complained that its opening in the late hours interfered with their sleep.

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Bouquets for Metal Industry in Israel

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A high degree of skill and versatility has been developed in the metal-working industry in Israel, according to Colonel William R. Martin, United States Operations Mission industrial engineer, who has left for the U.S. on completion of a two-year assignment here.

During his tour of duty here as one of the U.S.O.M. staff, Colonel Martin made an extensive study of the metal-working industry, large plants and small plants, and he commended the industry for its high standards of production.

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U.N. Administration Moves to New Campus

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Israel's Roads Can't Take Heavy Loads and Speed, Say Experts

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Heavy traffic seriously damages Israel's road system both by excessive axle loads and speed. This is one of the findings of two British road building engineers, Mr. E. L. March and Mr. D. H. Grant, of the Shell Co., who kept their eyes on the road during a recent three-week tour from Metulla to Eilat.

On a normal day, traffic in the city moves at 15 kilometres an hour, but was down to 10 kilometres now. This slowing down has not yet caused great difficulty, and was much better than Tel Aviv traffic of five years ago when the average speed was 8 kilometres down Allenby Road.

50% More Cars in T.A. Streets

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Since the bus strike began, some 50 per cent more vehicles have been travelling in Tel Aviv thoroughfares and traffic has been about half as fast, Mr. S. Kaljanski, the city traffic engineer, told The Jerusalem Post today.

BUS STRIKE

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climb-up an orange crate to squeeze into a crowded lorry, is no pleasure any more, one suburban clerk said.

SPARTA TO PLAY HAPLOI TEAMS

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — The Czech soccer team Sparta is to come to Israel in December to play a number of games against Haplo teams and perhaps against the Israeli Selected. Mr. H. Cohen, sports promoter, declared here last night after arriving from Istanbul by air.

Star-Gazers End Two-Day Meeting

The annual two-day meeting of the Jerusalem Amateur Astronomers Association ended yesterday after adopting a resolution to broaden the association to include all of Israel.

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MAPAI Convention is not really expected to provide surprises for the public, and Mr. Ben-Gurion's startling innovations in his major speeches. But his speeches are rarely without a lengthy reference to the past, and which may appear irrelevant because they took place 40 or 50 years ago. Some of the most impressive orators concentrate on giving dramatic form to their message, often at the expense of all background.

Mr. Ben-Gurion does precisely the opposite: he believes in historical continuity, and demonstrates present needs as part of this continuing process from the past. For half a century, he said, the main purpose of the Jewish movement has been the furthering of the renewal of the Jewish people, on the national, social, moral and intellectual levels, not as a revolution in the accepted sense, by snatching power, but by a tedious process of individual effort. That was how the land had been settled, he pointed out, by people who had never been farmers.

From this point the Prime Minister went on to emphasize that now, as then, the aim of this party must be to create its own facts, rather than hope for or solicit outside aid to bring them about. On Sunday he was mainly occupied with emphasizing this basic principle in so far as it applies to the economic situation. A standard of living in excess of that created by our own productivity, and inflated from outside sources, is unacceptable, he argues, because it involves a form of exploitation and a diminution of independence, and cannot be reconciled with the original principle of the redemption of the land and the people by self-labour.

In a thought that is closely parallel to this one he has warned against "the vain illusion of reliance on the United Nations, the 1951 Tripartite Declaration, or the peace offers of hostile powers." His sceptical attitude towards the role of the U.N. in Israel is not the outcome only of the U.N.'s tragic failure here in the past years to act against self-declared aggressors. He has always seen a need for Israel to develop its own relations with its neighbours by becoming an integral part of the Asian nations and negotiating directly with them, rather than by doing so through the medium of the Western powers. This essential conflict dates back to the early days of the British Mandate and Dr. Weizmann and the times when those of the "Western" orientation seemed sometimes to believe that if the Arabs had not actually been smuggled into Palestine by the British in order to supply a foil for the Jews, then at least the British could have solved the entire problem of Arab nationalism overnight. Had they but wanted, to some extent, this lack of desire to be helpful was later ascribed to the United States. However much this situation may have changed during the past 35 years, the degree of Britain's impotence vis-à-vis the Arabs, and the depth of America's disinclination to be involved with them, has perhaps never been fully realized until the Suez debacle, when they were little more willing to act on behalf of security and equity on their own behalf than they had been to do so on behalf of Israel.

Because of his frequent returns to first principles Mr. Ben-Gurion has been termed a "visionary." In fact, he merely pursues a steadfast policy: independence is Israel's what you achieve yourself. And at the moment that means more and better work in order to make the appearance of economic progress into a reality.

Peace Returns to Indo-Chinese Peninsula S.E. Asia Rests with Laos Accord

By O.M. GREEN

LONDON (APNS).—The Royal Government of Laos and the Communist Pathet Lao have reached an agreement on the last two points of the Geneva Peace Accords.

The agreement, which is held in the rebel provinces of Phongsavan and Sam Neua, which are to have a coalition administration, probably on the "50-50" lines offered by the Government a year ago. After the signing of the agreement, Prince Souphanouvong, Premier of Laos, reiterated his pledge of strict neutrality as the basis of Laos's foreign policy. "We will not allow any foreign country to interfere in our internal affairs," he said, "and will have no alliance so long as our security is not threatened."

The beneficial effect of the ending of this bitter two-year feud extends much further than Laos. Russia is believed to want peace in Southeast Asia; it is not improbable that she gave to that effect, as to China's, which is settled by the enthusiastic welcome given to Prince Souphanouvong Phouma in Peking this week—a reception which was met by a banquet by Mr. Chou En-lai with 700 guests, and eulogies of the Prince's work for peace by the Peking Press.

Cambodia, Burma Quiet

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, ex-King and ex-Premier—Cambodia's real ruler—has signed a declaration of neutrality, and has gone further in respect of neutrality and "peaceful coexistence." He has signed joint declarations with the Soviet Union, China and Russia, and is making trade agreements with them. Mr. Nicolai Bulganin and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev will also visit Cambodia shortly.

It is especially noted by the New China News Agency that the members of the Cambodian trade delegation now in Peking went to the airport to welcome Prince Souphanouvong Phouma. Burma's neutrality was reiterated by ex-Premier U Nu in a public speech recently in Rangoon. "Our neutrality," he said, "can be divided into three parts—staying out of the Cold War, maintaining friendship with all nations, and making efforts to create better understanding between the two main groups of nations, which are accepted by both sides as a genuine neutralist."

The armed deadlock still prevails between South Vietnamese and Communist forces in Vietnam. But the latter is so deeply dependent on Peking that it could hardly venture to attack South Vietnam in the near future. In Vietnam, President Ngo Dinh Diem's position grows stronger every day, though he has actually reduced his army. Many Vietnamese, formerly attracted by the personality of Ho Chi Minh, President of North Vietnam, have been repelled by the tyranny of the northern Communists and have come over to President Diem.

Sprucing Up the Tourist Trade

THIS writer has just returned from an archaeological ramble which took him to Nazareth and Acre, to Beit Shearim and Caesarea. While mainly interested in current excavation, he still had an eye for the unexploited tourist potential of those famous places which are the highlights of almost every trip to Northern Israel.

Few people in this country have yet taken cognizance of the fact that certain goods can only be offered to the tourist at a time and place of his choice. One example will make my meaning clear: one of the most renowned antique dealers in Vienna runs a seasonal branch store in a quiet lane of the Old City of Jerusalem, a "hidden gem" which gives the tourist the illusion of discovery. And how they enjoy discovering it!

It is a remarkable fact that "Beersheba Ruins" cannot be bought in Beersheba, and "Acre Copper" is unobtainable in the retail trade of Acre. It is extremely comfortable for the tourist to find well-stocked antique-souvenir shops in the Dan, the King David and the Zion, but he would enjoy "discovering" the wifemane goods (in the cheaper brackets at least) far more in a "romantic stall" in the picturesque markets of Acre or Nazareth.

There is an abundance of closed shops in the bazaars of Acre, which a substantial number of tourists walk by every day. They were little more willing to act on behalf of security and equity on their own behalf than they had been to do so on behalf of Israel.

Disputes Settled
But in practice Laos's foreign policy is peaceful coexistence. The frontier disputes of a few months ago with Vietnam have been settled. Laos has spread an atmosphere of peaceful intention over all Southeast Asia.

And only some 20 days ago, the Siamese Government approved the draft of a treaty of friendship and co-operation with Burma. Two similar treaties have already been signed by Laos with Indonesia and the Philippines. In October, Marshal Phibunsongram is to visit Laos, and it is possible, Nepal.

It is not too much to say that the agreement signed in Laos has spread an atmosphere of peaceful intention over all Southeast Asia.

Practical Aid Needed to Draw Professionals

By YITZHAK WOOLFSON

JUST how far should Israel offer special assistance and concessions in order to make it tempting for Western immigrants to come to Israel? The answer is probably to be found in changing the nature of the help that is already offered, rather than in making bigger and better concessions.

Today, about 85 per cent of professional newcomers travel to Israel on a Temporary Resident's visa. Renewable up to three years, this visa gives the holder the right to obtain employment here and practically the same relief from customs duties on household effects and personal belongings as a new immigrant receives. The professional newcomer is not asked however to fulfill any of the obligations and responsibilities of citizenship, beyond paying his income tax and, naturally, obeying the laws of the land. Thus, he is given a three-year period in which to make up his mind whether or not he wishes to make Israel his permanent home. Here Israel has shown an intelligent appreciation of the need to give the Western newcomer the feeling that during the first difficult years he will not be asked to burn his bridges behind him.

Without doubt there is room for this type of understanding to be applied to all aspects of the life of Israel. This is particularly so when we come to the two basic necessities, housing and employment. Looming large among the problems which the PATWA organization faces in trying to place Western professionals is the difficulty of obtaining a job. Relative to the number of individuals actually arriving in this country, employers are reluctant to guarantee a job before the candidate is actually in Israel and can be interviewed, and this is a reasonable enough precaution. On the other hand, however, most of the prospective professional newcomers' demands are not unreasonable, and it is a pity that he may be quite unable to come here unless he is certain that he has a job waiting for him, especially if he is a family man.

It might be added here that Israel's industry looks to the

Western professional's experience and know-how more than for paper qualifications. Professionals with five to ten years' experience behind them are particularly sought after, and are certain in which part of the country they wish to settle permanently, they are often in a better position to think about the purchase of a place to live. At the moment, newcomers find that they are faced with a heavy financial outlay on arrival in the country in order to make down payment on a modest flat, and often have to have recourse to Jewish Agency loan funds, starting their new life in Israel in debt.

Being in debt, often for the first time in their lives, has a demoralizing effect, this at a time when an effort is also being made to get used to new surroundings, acquire a new language, and fit into an unaccustomed working condition. If this can be avoided, the proportion of housing available for rent are strong indeed.

The myth that every professional in the West has at his disposal a large sum of money still finds large groups of believers in Israel. Many Government and Jewish Agency departments find it difficult to give credence to the fact that very many of these professionals need assistance with their fare to this country. On recommendation, the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency grants assistance passages to individual professionals. But this assistance seems to be based on the theory that half a loan is better than none, for the amounts given are totally inadequate. From the U.S. for instance, the sum given in the form of a loan (repayable in Israel) is \$250 to a family, a very small part of the actual cost of their immigration. If assistance is available at all then it must be effective, and \$1,000 per family must be available where needed.

There are many more examples of the way in which the Jewish Agency has been misled from the West could be broadened and brought more into line with the realities of this immigration. Material help, however, is not enough, it is ineffective unless it is linked to a programme which will develop a positive attitude towards Israel in the potential immigrant from the West. Unless there is a degree of humility and a real desire to come, unless the newcomer believes that Israel can offer him much that he cannot find elsewhere, the biggest helping hand that this country can offer will never be big enough.

This is the second of two articles. The first appeared on Sunday.

YESTERDAY'S Mapai Conference

ACCORDING to Al Hamishah (Mapam), Mr. Ben-Gurion had the opportunity, in his opening address at the Mapai conference, to underline the joint lines of activity and outlook brought about by the Labour party coalition, and it had been hoped that he would stress buttressing the security of the State through a policy of non-identification with foreign interests and clinging to a pioneering policy of independence. But he did not, and that course, assuming instead to drag out old controversial ghosts and to hold Mapam responsible for the crimes committed in the Soviet Union under Stalin's regime. The Mapai conference has assembled for more important things, notes the paper with chagrin.

Hatzofe (World Mitrail) reacts to the criticism levelled by Mr. Ben-Gurion at the religious groups. The Prime Minister, the paper says, should know that unfounded calumny contributes nothing towards the amelioration of social relationships in the State. If this conference preaches mutual tolerance, it must first stop slandering mud at others himself. Let Mr. Ben-Gurion first mend Mapai and when it is clean and straight he will have greater authority to preach morality to others.

Week of Strike

LAMERHA (Abud Ha-Havod) writes that the Histadrut has not changed its attitude about the strike since its first night, and the Co-operatives should base themselves on this decision if they are merely seeking a face-saving formula. A respectable way out of the ruinous position into which they have manoeuvred themselves, he says, is to stop the support of the General Zionists and the Communists, who have seized this opportunity to square political accounts with the Histadrut.

Why, asks Hahaker (General Zionist), should the public be punished? The Government should either come to terms with the Co-operatives or take over the transport system, but should in any case stop playing this game of prestige and face-saving at the public's expense. The proof that it is only a contest for prestige is borne by the example of Hamekasher, granted a higher fare because it "has behaved like a good boy." The "cold war" along our hot roads should stop after seven days of public suffering.

Ha'rets (non-party) falls in with the Hahaker's claim that the transport inconvenience is no longer support for the public. The Co-operatives should also understand that they cannot fight the entire public because the Ministry of Transport refuses to increase their income. The scrap between the two can be carried on the strike must come to an end.

Opening with the promise that the new Jerusalem Coalition has no real claim to existence, born as it was of

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At the Cinema

UNTIL one goes into the matter why "Rebel Without a Cause" (Edison, Jerusalem), the most nerve-shattering film which this critic has seen in years, was produced at all, unless it be to portray violence for violence's sake. It calls for penetrating insight to get at the motivations of the protagonists, mostly lonely students from wealthy families, whose crimes and brutality are the subject of this existentialist treatment of the eternal conflict between the generations.

This hair-raising film about two boys and a girl cannot be dismissed with the superficial phrase "decadent." It should be seen by every parent and educator. Natalie Wood plays the girl; James Dean, an extremely gifted young actor who has since met his death in a manner reminiscent of the fate which he metes out to his rival on the screen, stars in the title role.

FRANCO

U.S. Thinks It Did Good Job at London

By PHILIP DEANE

WASHINGTON.—American diplomats are patting themselves on the back over the Suez conference in London. They call it a successful salvage operation and claim that they have achieved many of the objectives they had set themselves when they supported the idea of a conference.

These objectives were: (1) To help the British and French cool off and remove from their bellicose positions without too much loss of face. (2) To gain support among Asian countries for the idea of "international participation" (that is all the Americans want now) in the running of the Canal, and (3) not to let Russia seize the initiative from the West or make too much political capital over the Suez crisis.

The State Department points out that as for the first objective, Britain and France can claim that they got a majority in the conference for a Western proposal incorporating the idea of internationalization. Thus, the Governments in London and Paris need not appear to their public as utterly defeated.

With regard to the second objective, Asian countries that were in full sympathy with Nasser over his nationalization of the Canal, have sided with the West in London. It is admitted here that these countries are considered in Asia as stooges of the West, but they are nonetheless Asian, and that is considered important. Moreover, American diplomats find comfort in the fact that though the presented Egyptian case in an undiluted form, Mr. Krishna Menon, the Indian delegate at the conference, did say things which could be interpreted as criticism of the way Egypt has handled the situation. These statements, coming from Mr. Menon, are deemed extremely valuable in presenting the Western case on Suez henceforth.

Finally, Mr. Shepilov, the Russian Foreign Minister, though he too, backed Egypt's case, is believed here not to have made much capital out of his stand. The Americans are confident that they will be given credit for their position, which, though not abandoning Britain and France, did not completely oppose Egypt and opened the way towards a compromise. Mr. Shepilov contributed nothing towards a compromise. This seems to have been appreciated, incidentally, by the Asian nations. Their diplomats in Washington all express surprise at Mr. Dulles's "statesmanship" in London. As one of them put it: "This is the first time in two years that I have seen this great Power, America, behave like a great Power."

What next? The next step, the Americans think, is rejection of the Western proposal by Egypt. That, they think, is unavoidable. They are working to see that Egypt makes some counter-proposal which will open the way for negotiations. Nasser will say "No," the Americans admit, but there are a great many ways of saying "no."

Again, it is conceded that the Egyptian leader has not much motivation to make his "no" polite or a qualified opening for further talks. If he assumes that the West has given up the idea of armed intervention, then there is little that can force Nasser to be conciliatory. As long as he keeps the Canal functioning properly, he will have Asian opinion on his side.

It begins to appear that the Americans do not expect much to happen over Suez. Nasser will continue running the Canal. The West will continue protesting. Nothing will be done beyond securing some vague international inspection of Suez which will remain under firm Egyptian control as it was even before the nationalization. It was this firm control which enabled Nasser to deny passage for Israeli ships. Nasser is bound to have imitators, says the State Department, and it is high time that the West developed a pattern for dealing with these imitators. Mr. Dulles's stand on Suez in London is considered here to be such a pattern. (Copyright)

PEN FRIENDS

AJIT FATWARDHAN, a 15-year old boy of a Suburban Congress Party, Nagpur, India, is interested in collecting stamps and making friends with Israelis.



Dr. Fish Says

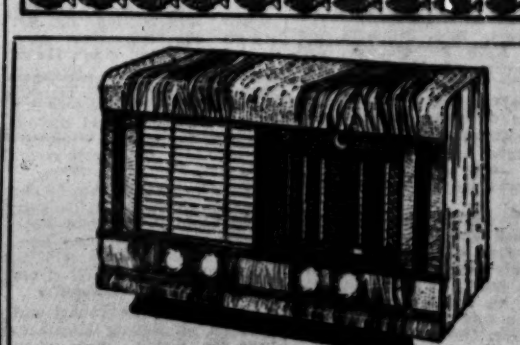
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"SUEZ" PIPELINE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir.—In your issue of August 13, a plan for the construction of an Eilat-Ashkelon-Haifa oil pipeline is broached. I should like to make a few observations on this subject.

First of all, the Arab oil-producing states could stop all oil from their wells destined to flow through this pipeline, unless they were forced by the Western Powers, and if these powers were to use pressure, they would do so to keep the Suez Canal open, thus obviating the necessity for a pipeline. Secondly, such a pipeline will not be cheaper than the Suez Canal, unless Nasser raises the dues by at least 15 per cent. Thirdly, such a pipeline will take at least two years to build, due to the rough mountainous terrain through which about 35 per cent of the line must pass. Again, it is questionable whether the major oil-consuming powers will consent to invest at least \$15m. in such a project in another Mid-Eastern State which is not yet at peace with its neighbours and which would be subject to sabotage.

Such a project would be of immense value to Israel, but one must really face the facts as they are before assuming that it is feasible and proposing it as a solution.

Yours etc.,
N. MARCH

Haifa, August 18

JUSTICE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir.—A report of August 3 reported that a 16-year old shepherd boy, who two years ago, had been "abducted by Lebanese infiltrators" and brutally beaten and tortured to make him reveal information on military traffic in the North, was imprisoned in the Lebanon for two years and then returned to Israel, has now been sentenced by an Israeli Military Court to a year in prison for giving information to the enemy.

Can a youngster of 16, who was abducted, bewildered and tortured, be held responsible for what he said in such a situation? Not only is such a sentence pointless and cruel, but unjustified from every point of view and unworthy of a Jewish Judge.

Yours, etc.
Jerusalem, August 5

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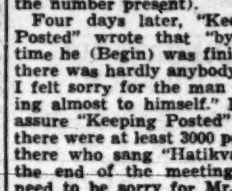
Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir.—According to your issue of August 16, Mr. Menahem Begin spoke to a crowd of 3000 in Jerusalem on the previous night. (I consider this a moderate estimate of the number present.) For days later, "Keeping Posted" wrote that "by the time he (Begin) was finished, there was hardly anybody left. I felt sorry for the man talking almost to himself." I can assure "Keeping Posted" that there were at least 3000 people there who sang "Hatikva" at the end of the meeting. No need to be sorry for Mr. Begin!

And why make innuendoes and biased innuendoes? For example: "The audience, most of them orthodox young people." Is this supposed to be discreditable? How did your correspondent investigate the orthodoxy of a densely packed crowd?

Yours, etc.
Jerusalem, August 5

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